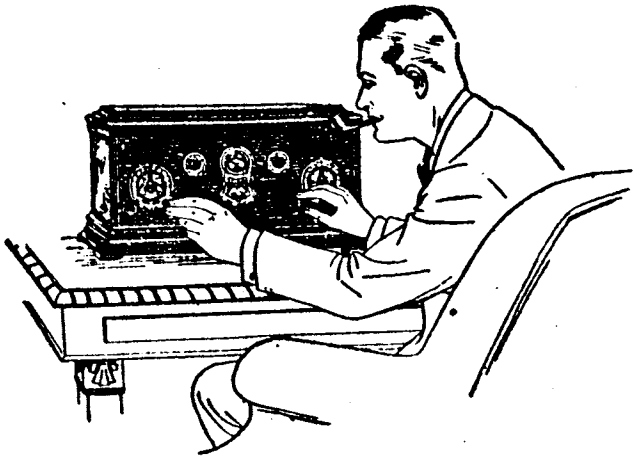


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Swap Meet

DATE : May 9th, 1987
TIME : 11:00
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets
Oregon City, Oregon

Spring Swap Meet: Set up about 10:30

Business meeting 11:00

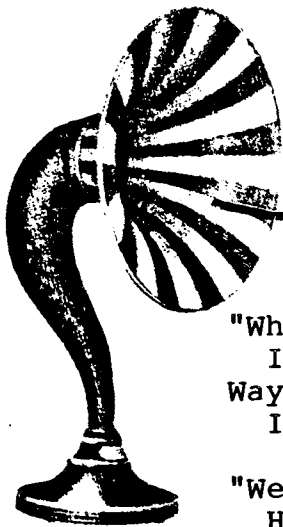
Business meeting ends

Swapping officially begins about 11:20

Looking back at previous years, this Spring Swap Meet will be one of the most popular of the society's functions. Table space is usually gone by 10:30.

There is a business meeting scheduled. Rest assured that President Ray will make it as brief as possible. But he will take a moment to introduce new and prospective members to the treasurer. If you have any friends that fall into one of those categories, bring them. It is a good showing and an impressive "first view" of the society.

Each seller is obliged to chip in the obligatory \$3.00 table charge to help pay some of the expenses. Come one, come all. A good time is "forecast", rain or shine!



ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The Authority

"What makes a Radio Work?"

I asked the old Experimenter
Way back in nineteen twenty-two,
In Good old River Center.

"Well, it all begins 'up there,'"

He said pointin' to some wire
Stretched up 'way above his house-
Up fifty feet or higher.

"Sucks the signal from the ether
and directs it down to ground,
Where it goes into this big coil
And circulates 'round and 'round.

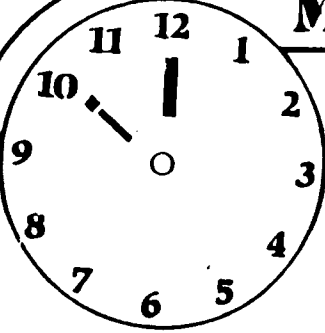
"Then this condenser slows it down
To whatever speed twas sent,
From Podunk Holler or L.A.
Or some foreign continent!

"This little tube jacks up the gain,
And separates the tones
On their way around the circuits
to their mating with the phones.

"There's nothing to it, son,
It's all there --- cut and dried."
But I left a "doubting Thomas"--
It seemed over simplified !!

From the Tom James Collection
Originally from September '82

Meeting Minutes



The April meeting of Northwest Vintage radio Society was called to order at 11:00 am by our president Ray Nelson. The minutes of March 14 meeting were approved as printed in the CALL LETTER.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted with the current balance of \$1,169.00.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Society regretfully learned that charter member Maurice Leetes recently passed away.

The Nostalgia Guide editor for station KVIX, Jon Fessler attended and renewed his membership.

Visitors Frank and Ron Baird and Mrs. Myrtle Abbott were welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS

Jerry Talbott invited all interested members to participate in the Forest Grove display in July.

NEW BUSINESS

The Society's historical records and scrapbook are now under the care of the club secretary.

Jon Fessler handed out premier issues of the KVIX AM 1290 Nostalgia guide and gratefully acknowledged the response and support to KVIX which has been generated by club members. The May Swap meet

announcement can be seen in the Nostalgia News column of the guide.

The society is seriously interested in acquiring a video tape copy of a televised series on vintage radio collecting and restoration. President Ray Nelson received a letter from Morgan McMahon on the specifics of the broadcast. Ray contacted the program director of KOAP-TV in hopes of having the station air the series locally or taping it for the society. At this time the station reports no plans of doing either. The club will continue in efforts to obtain a copy of the series.

Leads and needs were given. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am followed by Ray Nelson's presentation on repairing TRF radio sets.

Norris Jackson
Recording Secretary

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Part of Radio Passing Away

On March 19th Mr. Arch Obler passed away. Time and space are not adequate to detail the part that Mr. Obler played in Radio's past. It is regrettable that most people connect Arch only with the famous "LIGHTS OUT" program because his credits too numerous to mention.

Since The CALL LETTER started to mention the passing of radio personalities monthly, we have seen many actors, writers, producers, and directors "pass before our eyes". Arch Obler was all of these. With him a part of radio history passed from our reach and those he left behind will miss him.

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The Titanic and Radio

[Last month was the 75 anniversary of the Titanic Disaster. This is part two of three, "The Fist On The Key". It is part of a 1965 taped interview with Joe Danko, one of the operators "who heard it".]

"It was normal practice for Marconi equipped vessels to transact traffic with Marconi land stations; the Telefunken DD ships with TWT the Telefunken German controlled station, and so forth. Never-the-less there was a gentlemanly agreement among our group of stations around New York to assist one another in times of difficulty. There was OHX the New York Herald station at the battery, TWT the Telefunken station at 11th and Broadway; MSC the Marconi Station at Seagate; and WN on top of Wanamakers store for company business with the store in Philadelphia. It is believed that David Sarnoff was the operator of WN at this time. Then too there was dependable "doc" Hudson, a fine amateur up on Riverside Drive. He and TWT were the DX hounds of that period, always competing for distance, and twiting one another to such an extent that on one occasion the German operator challenged Old Doc to a pistol duel. He didn't know that Doc was an expert munitions tester with the DuPont Powder corporation until OHX gently broke the news to him. It was still a man's world, "BR" (before regulations). Words like Hell and Damn could be still be used without reprimand from an FCC.

"Normal scheduled placed me in the operator's chair at NAH on the 6 to midnight trick in the evening of Monday the fifteenth 1912. After routine official reports and contacts with Washington NAL, and other Naval stations, and revenue cutters, it was our duty to scan the ether waves for any unusual information regard-

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ing shipping, weather, signal reception, etc. The relief operator had not alerted me as to the events out in mid-Atlantic. All Monday morning of April 15th 1912 the Carpathia was busy plucking the living and the dead from the sea. And, after future exhaustive search until nightfall, set it's cour

pm I heard faintly the steam ship Carpathia calling the Marconi station MSC at Seagate. After several more insistent calls without reply from MSC, I called the ship and offer to relay the message. My offer was immediately accepted. Evidently NAH was the first and most convenient, under the circumstances, able to effect a readable two-way contact with the vessel. Therefore for the next hour or so, through the intermittent static and the bedlam of radio interference, we struggled with his message of over 800 words addressed to the New York office of the Associated Press via Western Union.

"Surprisingly the message contained the complete list of survivors of the Titanic, picked up that day by the Carpathia. After my final acknowledgement of the message, I immediately turned to our land wore circuits to the western union office in New York and relayed the message in "Morris", to the tune of the clickity clack of the sounder. Without interruption the Western Union operator copied my tired and sloppy fist at about 30 words per minute, finally correcting my word check from 805 to 808 due to some discrepancy in the method of handling the address count. He was certainly a real 'pro'. Sometime later Seagate came on the air, and I relayed the message to him for his disposition."

<p>The next & final segment of this interview with Joe Danko will appear in the June issue. Special thanks to the California Historical Radio Society</p>

NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY

1986 INCOME AND EXPENSES

INCOME:

Dues.....	\$	802.75
Advertising.....		120.00
Swap Meets.....		84.00
Auctions.....		40.30

TOTAL INCOME....\$ 1,047.05

EXPENSES:

CALL LETTER (incl.postage)...	\$	534.40
Clubhouse Rent.....		100.00
P.O.Box Rent.....		22.00
State Corporation Fee.....		5.00
Swap Meet Publicity.....		47.88
Library Purchases.....		12.00
Membership Cards.....		45.00
Anniversary Cake.....		17.24
Cards and Flowers.....		25.00
Miscellaneous Postage.....		8.80
Bank Service Charges.....		3.75

TOTAL EXPENSES..\$ 821.07

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("anyone have a schematic for it?")

Jim Mason

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